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The Iris Garden

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MERRIAM, KANSAS

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• GARDENERS WILL UNDERSTAND

It has always seemed more fun to do my gardening with a spade or a hoe than with a typewriter. So I keep the weeds out pretty well and ship orders on time but am a terrible correspondent. Just now I have re-read the copy for the catalog to follow and it seems to be a pretty perfunctory job and I am ashamed of it. But it was the best I could do with the little time available. So much garden work had to be done. And, in such a perfect year for transplanting as this, so much more garden work was too enticing. And I am afraid the catalog suffered.

Now that it is too late, I regret that I haven't done a better job. For it is my only chance to talk to a good many of you and to tell you many things. I want to talk about the new irises I have seen and admired and the old ones to which I am still faithful and why. I want to find out what you plant with what and tell you of some of my experiments. But now there isn't time. The printer wants the copy tomorrow morning.

• PERSONAL LETTERS

There are so many of you to whom I wanted to write personal letters last year—and didn't. Probably there will be many of you this year who will write to me piquing my imagination or my sympathy or my interest. But, unless you have some bitter complaint, your letter will probably go unanswered. I'll just answer it in my head and proceed with desperate haste to heave out some plants for somebody else or to do some planting for myself. This must be my personal letter. I must say: I do so enjoy hearing from you and thank you, but the summer is short and there is so much work to do . . .

• NEW VARIETIES

There are some twenty varieties in my garden that I shall see for the first time this year, in common with those of you who are able to come to the garden. They include Ming Yellow, E. B. Williamson, Wabash, Morocco Rose, Piute, Sunburst, Itasca, Destiny, Mohrson, Red Cross, Moonglo, etc., etc. To me the prospect is thrilling.

• GREETINGS AND WELCOME

So, do come to see me and my garden if you can and, if you can't, do try to get more out of my catalog than I have put in. The bare bones are here and, if you furnish the imagination, we shall get along alright. Come if you can, though; seeing is better than believing. And best of luck for your own bloom.



DOROTHY STONER

THE IRIS GARDEN

PLAINFIELD 1546

MERRIAM, KANSAS

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ACACIA ROSE (Sass-Toedt) Light pink; very large flower of fine form and substance; a great favorite with garden visitors; mid-season; short	3 for \$.25
ACHERON (Sturt) Translucent reddish violet; midseason; medium height	3 for	.25
ALCAZAR (Vilm) Light violet and deep reddish purple; fine symmetry; still one of the best; early; tall	3 for	.25
ALLAN HOYT (Hoyt) Warm buff and reddish brown; very much admired; early; tall	3 for	.25
ALLIES (Vilm) Dark, brownish red purple; very dark and rich; fall blooming south of here and on the west coast	3 for	.25
ALTA CALIFORNIA (Mit) Large flowered, deep toned yellow; still the tallest of the large yellows; midseason .....		.35
AMBASSADEUR (Vilm) Magnificent, deep bronze red; late; tall;	3 for	.25
AMBERA (H. P. Sass) Amber yellow with gold venations; large flower; short; very early	3 for	.25
AMENTI (H. P. Sass) Fresh toned violet blend; the large flowers are well placed on a 36-inch, branching stem; free blooming; mid-season		1.75
AMIGO (Wmsn) Standards are light lavender violet and falls deep hyacinth violet paling to a narrow white margin; midseason; medium height; H. M. 1936; A. M. 1938		3.50
ANDREW JACKSON (Kirk) Large flowered red purple; low branched; early; medium height	3 for	.25
APACHE (Farr) Bright cherry red; always a color favorite; midseason; short .....		.15
ARGYNNIS (Wmsn) Yellow standards and velvety red falls; bright and free flowering; midseason; medium height	3 for	.25
ASHTORETH (Beaudry) Soft, light yellow; large flower on a well branched stem; midseason; tall .....		.25
ASIA (Yeld) Silvery lavender flushed gold; fragrant; late; tall	3 for	.25
AT DAWNING (Kirk) Arbutus pink bicolor with crystalline standards and a golden heart; large, well formed flowers on a tall stem; midseason; A. M. 1938		3.50

"My rhizomes I purchased from you have done very well; nearly all blooming the first year and those that didn't, the roots have multiplied so next year I anticipate many more blooms. Am enclosing an order for nine new varieties.

"We have showed the pictures we took at your garden to many iris minded friends and to several garden clubs. I could not speak too highly of the order and cleanliness of your garden.

"On opposite page are a few friends who would like your catalog."
June 13, 1938.

Mrs. H. W., Elmira, N. Y.

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ATTAYE EUGENIA (Snow) Ivory warmed by a bright gold beard; large flower of heavy texture; tall, well branched stalk; prolific; midseason	1.50
AUREX (Nic) Bright buff standards and dark red purple falls; medium height on a wirey stalk .....	.35
AUTUMN KING (H. P. Sass) Fine blue purple with many buds to the stem; very early spring bloom; fall bloom August or later...3 for	.25
AUTUMN QUEEN (H. P. Sass) White; almost everblooming when planted in quantity; spring bloom begins with the late dwarfs.....	.25
BALDWIN (H. P. Sass) Manganese Violet of enormous size and heavy substance; midseason; tall.....	.15

BEGINNER'S COLLECTION

20 Plants \$2.00

Black Wings	Wambliska	Clara Noyes
Baldwin	Gilead	San Francisco
Hernani	Cameliard	Challenger
Eleanor Roosevelt	Olive White	Crysoro
Persia	Cardinal	Beau Ideal
Indian Chief	Thuratus	
Dauntless	Sensation	Pres. Pilkington

No Substitutions — No Discount

BALLERINE (Vilm) Wisteria blue bicolor of great size and very long blooming season, beginning early and lasting late; still one of the finest; tall .....	.15
BEAU SABREUR (Wmsn) Blended variegata with rosy tones in the tawny standards and glossy red falls; midseason; medium height....	.25
BLACK WINGS (Kirk) The blackest iris; velvety, deep blue purple in Dominion form; intense fragrance; runner up for the 1935 Dykes medal; early to midseason; medium height.....	.25

"The iris came two weeks ago today and I certainly was pleased with them. They were nice, big healthy roots. Many thanks for the extra ones."

October 3, 1938

Mrs. N. A., New Kingstown, Penn.

"The iris I received from you last year came through the winter in perfect condition."

May 16, 1938

Mrs. R. J. O., Duluth, Minn.

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BLUE BANNER (Kirk) Bright blue bicolor with lighter bordered falls; an easy grower; late; medium height.....	.15
BLUE HILL (H. P. Sass) Light blue of clear tone and rounded form; free flowering; midseason; tall.....	.25
BLUE RIBBON (Grinter) Brilliant, dark purple bicolor; large flowered and well branched; parent of a Dykes medal winner; midseason; tall .....	.15
BLUE TRIUMPH (Grinter) Acclaimed "the finest light blue yet shown," Blue Triumph's career has been indeed triumphant; translucent light blue of heavy substance and symmetrical form; A. M. 1936; midseason; tall .....	.90
BLUE VELVET (Loomis) Rich, dark blue purple self of heaviest substance; slow growing; midseason; tall.....	.25
BLUET (Sturt) Early light blue; fluffy and fragrant; medium height	3 for .25
BOADICEA (Nic) Ruffled blend of soft yellow, clear pink and a touch of light blue; very free flowering; midseason; tall.....	.15
BRANDYWINE (Farr) An old favorite; silvery blue with a tendency to produce four standards and four falls; midseason; medium height	3 for .25
BRUNO (Bliss) Velvety, reddish bronze bicolor; midseason; medium height .....	.15
BUECHLEY'S GIANT (Buechley) Enormous blue bicolor of exceedingly heavy substance and sturdy stalks; magnificent when well grown; midseason; tall.....	.25
BURNING BRONZE (Ayres) Intensely alive shade of dark, red bronze; graceful form and lively color; medium height; midseason	1.75
BUTO (H. P. Sass) Very dark purple which does not get blowsy with the sun as Gaudichau often does; but shorter in the stem; very early .....	.25
B. Y. MORRISON (Sturt) Lavender standards and falls of purple bordered lavender; late; short.....	3 for .25
CALIFORNIA GOLD (Mit) Large flowered, brassy yellow with a tall, strong stem to hold the very large flowers; midseason; tall; H. M. 1936; Dykes medal runner-up 1937.....	2.00
CAMELIARD (Sturt) Large flowered blend of amber, wine and purple; midseason; tall.....	3 for .25

"I must tell you how much I appreciate the fine iris you shipped me.

"I am happy I have found a locality to get iris that will bloom here the first year after planting."

October 15, 1938

J. H. F., San Antonio, Texas

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CANDLELIGHT (And) Luminous pinkish lavender with a golden heart; midseason; tall15
CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS (Row) Rose and smoke blend whose color carries well at a distance; late; tall.....	.15
CARDINAL (Bliss) Rich, reddish purple Dominion; midseason; medium height	3 for .25
CAROLINE E. STRINGER (J. Sass) Very dainty, light pink; free flowering; midseason; short.....	3 for .25
CHALLENGER (J. Sass) Large flowered, deep purple; a very early variety of Dominion quality; medium height.....	3 for .25
CHEERIO (Ayres) The brightest possible; velvety red falls setting off standards of blended gold and rose; large, well balanced flower; midseason; tall; H. M. 1936; A. M. 1938.....	.90

LUCKY COLLECTION

9 Plants \$4.50

THE BLACK DOUGLAS

Cheerio	Crystal Beauty
Coralie	Trail's End
Ethel Peckham	Eros
Jean Cayeux	Blue Triumph

One plant of each \$4.50

No Substitutions — No Discount

CHROMYLLA (Loomis) Large flowered yellow self of the finest substance, texture and form; midseason; tall.....	.35
CITRONELLA (Bliss) Light gold; the falls splashed carmine; midseason; tall .....	.15
CINNABAR (Wmsn) Deep reddish purple bicolor; striking; midseason; tall .....	.15
CLARA NOYES (H. P. Sass) Dazzling blend of apricot, orange, yellow and carmine; midseason; medium height.....	.25

"The Capt. Courageous and Grace Sturtevant which I bought from you last fall bloomed and were quickly sold except a few which I refused to part with."

Sept. 21, 1938

Mrs. R. M., Alexandria, Va.
(Commercial Iris Grower)

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CLARET GEM (Sass-Gros) Very early claret red of good color and quality; short -----	3 for	.25
CLAUDE AUREAU (Cay) Giant flowered, dusky yellow and wine red variegata; midseason; medium height-----		.50
COLIAS (Wmsn) Late, free flowering soft yellow; as useful as the earlier Shekinah; medium height-----	3 for	.25
COPPER LUSTRE (Kirk) Enormous coppery blended flower with a finish of iridescent silk; midseason; tall; Dykes medal 1938-----		3.00
COPPERSMITH (Shull) Light coppery red bicolor; large flowers; midseason; tall -----		.15
CORALIE (Ayres) Glowing rose and red bicolor; large flowers with very broad standards and falls; Dykes medal; midseason tall-----		.90
CORONATION (Moore) Golden yellow self of good size and heavy substance; splendid with King Tut and June Bride; midseason; tall -----		.15
CORRIDA (Mil) Clear, light blue; floriferous; lovely with Dream and Parc de Neuilly; late; medium height-----	3 for	.25
COSETTE (H. P. Sass) Hardy; free flowering white intermediate; very early; short -----		.90
CROWN PRINCE (Klein) Dominion formed variegata with orange yellow standards and falls of dark red; well branched; midseason; tall -----		.50
CRYSORO (Nic) Darkest, richest orange yellow self; very early; short -----		.15
CRYSTAL BEAUTY (J. Sass) Hardy alabaster white of large size and heavy substance; well branched; midseason; tall-----		.90
CYDALISE (Cay) A plicata with a yellow ground; medium height; midseason -----		.25
CYRUS THE GREAT (Kirk) Dark blue purple with flaring falls; medium height; blooms with Desert Gold-----		.60
DAUNTLESS (Con) Red with a brown tone and very little purple in it; Dykes medal; midseason; tall-----		.25
DEPUTE NOMBLOT (Cay) Bronze red with the most perfect form, placement and branching; an ideal show iris; Dykes medal; mid-season; tall -----		.35
DESERT GOLD (Kirk) Large flowered yellow of splendid form; lovely with Michelline Chairraire or in combination with Dolly Madison and King Midas; early; tall-----		.35

"I received the iris in good condition and I want to thank you so much for the extras you sent. I did so appreciate your sending them. I want to tell you at this time how beautiful the iris are that I have bought from you."

July 23, 1938.

Mrs. E. H., Buckner, Mo.

◆ MERRIAM, KANSAS ◆

DESTINY (Burgess) Sombre, dark plum purple with a rich, gold beard; the only Australian introduction in commerce here; late; tall	3.50
DOLLY MADISON (Wmsn) Mauvette with striking red gold beard; always a favorite and easy to place in the garden picture; mid-season; tall .....	.15
DORE (J. Sass) The falls are cream and the standards rich yellow; medium height; midseason	2.50
DOXA (H. P. Sass) Curious blend of pale olive buff; very large flower of the heaviest substance; short .....	.15
DREAM (Sturt) Beautiful pink pallida; one of the finest landscape varieties and at this price can be used lavishly; late; tall.....3 for	.25
DR. C. H. MAYO (Fry) Fine pink self; earlier than Dream; mid-season; tall	3 for .25
DUKE OF BEDFORD (Bliss) Brilliant, deep, violet purple; one of the finest dark varieties; late; medium height.....3 for	.25

WINNERS' COLLECTION

5 Plants \$7.50

CALIFORNIA GOLD

Destiny	Ella Winchester
Junaluska	Happy Days

One plant of each \$7.50

No Substitutions — No Discount

EASTER MORN (Essig) White of pure color and heavy substance; requires protection here; midseason; tall.....	.50
E. B. WILLIAMSON (Cook) Light coppery red of silky sheen; practically a self; a strong grower; tall, branching low; H. M. 1938....	15.00
ECLADOR (Cay) Splendid yellow of deep color and good substance in a large ruffled flower; midseason; tall.....	3.00
ECLAT (Gage) Waxy flowers of pink and copper blended; midseason; medium height.....	.35

"The iris I ordered recently came today and I just want to tell you how nicely they came through. They are such lovely, large rhizomes and I know that I shall have success with them. The ones I ordered last summer bloomed so freely this spring."

July 18, 1938.

L. W., Denmark, Iowa

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EDGEWOOD (Hall) Medium toned pink bicolor of high quality; midseason; tall15
EL CAPITAN (M-M) Huge flowered medium blue of the heaviest substance; the blooms last a day longer than most; midseason; tall .....	.25
ELEANOR ROOSEVELT (Sass) Deep, velvety reddish violet; slightly fragrant; A. M. 1937; gold medal 1934 as the best fall bloomer; spring bloom very early; short .....	.15
ELIZABETH EGELBERG (Egel) Enormous pink mauve with gold throat and beard; not so pink or so refined in color as Frieda Mohr but hardier and better branched; midseason; tall .....	.15
ELLA WINCHESTER (Grinter) Large, rich mahogany red self with a brown haft and no venation in the velvety red falls; excellent form and symmetrical branching; good grower and bloomer	2.00
ELSINORE (Hall) Primrose yellow blended with and edged reddish purple; midseason; medium height	3 for .25
EL TOVAR (H. P. Sass) Huge flowered, smoky, dark variegata blend; massive, dome shaped standards and broad, long falls; late; tall .....	.90
EROS (Mead) Clear salmon pink blend with an undertone of yellow; an entirely new iris color; A. M. 1936; midseason; tall .....	.50
ETHEL PECKHAM (Wmsn) Brilliant red in a large flower with arching standards and wide falls; late; tall .....	.90
EVENTIDE (H. P. Sass) Misty, slaty lavender; a subtle flower; midseason; short	3 for .25
EVOLUTION (Cay) Pale, coppery bronze blend; large flower with frilled standards and flaring falls; midseason; medium height .....	.25
FOLKWANG (G & K) Light pink and deep rose bicolor; large flowered; midseason; short	3 for .25
FRIEDA MOHR (M-M) Most popular pinkish mauve bicolor; sensational for shape, size and substance; late; tall .....	.15
GAVIOTA (Mohr) Creamy white with brown markings at haft; midseason; medium height	3 for .25
GEORGE J. TRIBOLET (Wmsn) Velvety blackish purple; vigorous grower; late; medium height	3 for .25
GEORGIA (Farr) Free flowering cattleya pink; early; short	3 for .25
GERMAINE PERTHUIS (Mil) Velvety mulberry purple; very fragrant; midseason; tall .....	.15
GILEAD (And) Buffy amber blend; broad, large flowers of heavy substance, well placed on wide branching stems; midseason; tall .....	.25
GLOWING EMBERS (Sturt) S. fawn, flushed violet; F. glowing red, netted yellow; midseason; tall	3 for .25

*"Those I had from you last year were fine—could not have been better—and I am very much pleased with them."
May 13, 1938. Mrs. H. L. M., Fort Scott, Kans.*

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GOBELIN RED (Dan) Oxblood red in effect; midseason; medium height25
GOLDEN CATARACT (Dysart) Bright yellow fall bloomer; as deep in color as Crysoro and as well formed and branched as Southland; rampant grower and bloomer and a fine addition to the scanty ranks of the fall bloomers.....	1.25
GOLDEN FLARE (Ins) Flame and yellow blend; a bit more orange than Talisman; midseason; medium height.....	.25

SOUTHERN SPECIAL

6 Frieda Mohr	6 Souv. de Loetitia Michaud
6 Santa Barbara	6 Julia Marlowe
6 Yolande	6 Mons. Arnal
6 Primavera	6 Mme. C. Bouscant

48 Plants \$2.50

*No Substitutions — No Discount
September shipment only*

GOLDEN HELMET (J. Sass) A ruffled variegata whose tawny standards contrast brilliantly with its velvety red falls; midseason; medium height	1.25
GOLDEN TREASURE (Schreiner) Lovely cream iris with a golden beard and a golden glow throughout; excellent substance and form and a well branched stem rising to a harmonious height; one of the most popular of the new irises; A. M. 1938.....	7.50
GOLD IMPERIAL (Sturt) Beautiful chrome yellow; the most satisfactory yellow that can be had for landscape; midseason; medium height	3 for .25
GRACE STURTEVANT (Bliss) Dark, burning red brown; a color that carries surprisingly well; late; medium height.....	.25
GRAND MONARCH (Row) Velvety bronze red illumined with gold at the throat; large flower with broad standards and falls; late; tall .....	.15
GRETCHEN (H. P. Sass) Flesh colored standards and rose falls; charming and pert; midseason; medium height.....	3 for .25
GRIZETTE (Wmsn) A darker sister of Dolly Madison; midseason; tall	3 for .25

*"The plants I had from you last summer bloomed beautifully this spring."
August 4, 1938.*

Mrs. E. P. B., Toccoa, Ga.

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GUDRUN (Dykes) Pure white of great size and heavy substance enlivened by a faint gold iridescence; very hardy; midseason; medium height60
HAPPY DAYS (Mit) Immense, clear glistening yellow; beautifully branched; midseason; tall A. M. 1937	1.25
HARMONY (Dykes) Deep purple with deep purple beard; late; medium height	3 for .25
HEARTHSTONE COPPER (Doub) Bright and crisp variegata; small but shining; midseason; short .....	.25
HELIOS (Cay) Enormous flowered, pale lemon yellow of smooth finish and wonderful form; midseason; tall .....	.25
HENRI RIVIERE (Mil) S. yellow; F. mauve, widely bordered yellow; a popular selection both in the garden and on the exhibition table; midseason; tall .....	.15
HERNANI (Cay) One of the reddest reds in a light, translucent shade; midseason; medium height .....	.15
INDIGO BUNTING (Ayres) Entirely a self of medium violet blue; midseason; medium height .....	.60
IDUNA (G & K) S. iridescent pearl; F. violet purple; midseason; medium height	3 for .25
IMPERATOR (Cay) Red self, later and larger flowered than Seminole which it resembles in color; late; medium height	3 for .25
IMPERIAL BLUSH (H. P. Sass) Huge, pale lavender pink of good substance; very well branched for a pink; midseason; tall .....	.50
INDIAN CHIEF (Ayres) Large flowered, translucent red bicolor; the most popular variety in the garden; early; tall .....	.15
IRIS KING (G & K) Old gold and maroon; midseason; short	3 for .25
ITASCA (Klein) Rich amethyst purple of fine form and carriage; late; medium height	2.50
JACQUILLINE GUILLOT (Cay) Lustrous silvery blue self; large flower; late; medium height .....	.15
JEAN CAYEUX (Cay) Gleaming blend of gold and Havanna brown; the flowers are well placed and the substance firmer than that of other yellowish blends; Dykes medal; midseason; tall .....	.50
JOYCETTE (J. Sass) Very large flowered bright red; an instant success; A. M. 1936; midseason; tall .....	.50
JUBILEE (J. Sass) Cream ground dotted and sanded a light brown; midseason; short	3 for .25

"Our season is so much later than yours. Nearly all of the ones I got from you last year have bloomed this year. I have waited to send my order to see what colors I lacked most.

"Again I want to thank you for the gift plants—which were much appreciated."

June 26, 1938.

Mrs. F. B. C., Rock Springs, Wyo.

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JULIA MARLOWE (Shull) Large flowered reddish purple; a sister to Morning Splendor, equally impressive but early; tall.....3 for	.25
JUNALUSKA (Kirk) Bright coppery red bicolor; A. M. 1937; runner-up for Dykes medal 1938; midseason; tall.....	1.75
JUNE BRIDE (Grinter) Charming free flowering white; very hardy and a fast grower; midseason; tall.....3 for	.25

LANDSCAPE COLLECTIONS

Twenty-five of Any One Variety \$1.00

Or 100 in Any Four Varieties \$3.50

Or Ten Each of Ten Varieties \$3.50

No Discount — All Shipments Prepaid

The varieties are: Acacia Rose, Acheron, Alcazar, Afterglow, Andrew Jackson, Anna Farr, Archeveque, Argynnis, Benbow, Bluet, Blue Jay, Brandywine, B. Y. Morrison, C. E. Stringer, Chester J. Hunt, Claude Monet, Colias, Corrida, Delicatissima, Dalilah, Dream, Eldorado, Elsinore, Fairy, Folkwang, Gaviota, Georgia, George J. Tribolet, Germanica Major, Glowing Embers, Gleam O'Gold, Gold Imperial, Harmony, His Eminence, Iduna, Iris King, Isoline, Julia Marlowe, Juniata, June Bride, Kalos, Labor, Lohengrin, Lona, Loreley, Loudoun, Majestic, Mathilda, Mary Orth, Mentor, Midwest, Mme. C. Bouscant, Mme. Cheri, Monsignor, Mons. Arnal, Mother of Pearl, Mount Penn, Mrs. Neubrunner, Naomi, Ochracea, Odaroloc, Odoratissima, Old Gold, Oriflamme, Parc de Neuilly, Pioneer, Pocahantas, Quaker Lady, Queen Caterina, Rhea, Rhein Nixe, Roseway, Rota, Shekinah, Sherwin Wright, Skitchwaug, Snowbound, St. Cecelia, Sunbeam, Susan Bliss, Suzanne Autissier, Tenebrae, Toreador, Troost, Valencia, Vesper Gold, White Queen, Windham, Zada.

The above varieties are three plants for 25c or any fifteen for \$1.00.

KANSAS (Tim) Ruffled mauve pink of Alcazar form; late; tall...3 for	.25
KENWOOD (Emig) Standards are salmon buff and the falls amaranth purple; midseason; medium height.....	.50

"I received my iris several days ago and wish to thank you for your more than generous gift of 'October Opera.'"

"I get a great deal of satisfaction from my irises as I do not have a great deal of time to work in my garden and it seems I get good results from them in spite of that handicap."

July 5, 1938.

Miss E. Y., Independence, Mo.

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KING JUBA (H. P. Sass) Large flowered gold and maroon variegata with the height, substance and habit of Cardinal, its pollen parent; effective with Numa Roumestan which is the color of King Juba's falls; late; tall.....	.25
KING MIDAS (Mead) Marvellous red gold blend; its popularity has been won on merit alone without benefit of promotion; early; medium height .....	.25
KING TUT (H. P. Sass) Brilliant brownish red; red even at twilight; midseason; medium height.....	.25
LABOR (Cay) Dark red purple suffused copper; midseason; medium height	3 for .25
LADY PARAMOUNT (White) Brilliant primrose yellow of great size and harmonious proportions; possibly tender; A. M. 1936; midseason; tall	1.25
LA NEIGE (Verd) Waxy white; small perky flower on a short stem; fine with Tom Tit.....	3 for .25
LARGO (Ashley) S. Canary yellow; F. mauve, deeply bordered yellow; rampant grower and bloomer; midseason; tall.....	.25
LE CORREGE (Vilm) An earlier Ambassadeur in cleaner, more brilliant colors; midseason; tall.....	3 for .25
LE VARDAR (Cay) An Aphrodite pink of the type of Pink Satin and Pink Opal, that is always high in favor; midseason; tall.....	.15
LENZSCHNEE (G & K) White, the falls touched blue; midseason; short .....	.15
LONA (J. Sass) Rose dots heavily sanding a cream ground; midseason; short	3 for .25
LORD OF JUNE (Yeld) Huge chicory blue and lavender bicolor that always commands attention; midseason; tall.....	3 for .25
LOS ANGELES (M-M) Giant white, faintly marked blue; hardier than San Francisco; early; tall.....	.25
LOUDOUN (Fen) Creamy yellow dotted chestnut; tallest and best branched of this type of plicata; midseason; medium height.....	3 for .25
LOUIS BEL (Den) Very early, very black purple; short.....	.15
MAGENTA (Cay) Glowing amethyst; a landscape color in a large, well formed flower; midseason; medium height.....	.25
MAGNIFICA (Vilm) Pinkish bicolor; enormous scented flower; early; tall .....	.15
MAJESTIC (Bliss) Brilliant blue and reddish purple bicolor; vigorous; midseason; tall.....	3 for .25

"Thanks so much for filling my order so promptly. You were very kind to send some extra plants in the box. My iris was lovely this year."

June 15, 1938.

Mrs. A. E. W., Devon, Penn.

◆ MERRIAM, KANSAS ◆

MARQUITA (Cay) Ivory, the falls so thickly veined red that the red appears solid to the ivory margins; enormous in size and a stunner; midseason; tall.....	.90
MARY ELIZABETH (Kirk) Deep red rose of the finest quality; late; tall .....	.35
MARY GEDDES (Wash) Blend of salmon and Pompeian red that gives an effect both unusual and pleasing; Dykes medal 1936; midseason; medium height.....	.50
MARY WILLIAMSON (Wmsn) A bright, ruffled amoena that looks clean and cool in its contrast of white and purple; midseason; medium height .....	.25
MARTIE EVEREST (Kirk) Fall bloomer of clear light blue; very early; tallest of the fall bloomers.....	.60

DOLLAR COLLECTION

FRIEDA MOHR and twenty-four other fine varieties including red, pink and fragrant; all named and labelled and guaranteed true to name. The constituents of this collection will vary from time to time so I cannot tell you in advance what it will contain; but it is a very fine value at all times and an excellent choice for one who is just beginning an iris collection.

MATHILDA (J. Sass) Crisp white heavily dotted bright blue; like starched percale; midseason; short.....	.25
MAYGOLD (Nic) Light canary yellow; well rounded and neat; very early; short .....	.25
MAY SADLER (Per) Bright royal purple bicolor; midseason; medium height .....	.25
MEDRANO (Vilm) Deep smoky red; wild grape fragrance; late; short .....	.25
MENTOR (Per) Brilliant red purple; midseason; medium height .....	.25
MICHELLINE CHAIRRAIRE (Den) Large, pure white with deep gold beard; broad standards; needs protection here; early; tall.....	.15
MIDGARD (H. P. Sass) Pastel pink and yellow blend; a great favorite with garden visitors; finest in our hot sun but a wonderful variety anywhere; midseason; medium height.....	.15

"Received the shipment of iris the 15th. Thank you for the generous amount gratis. My order of two years ago did exceptionally well this year."

July 20, 1938.

F. C. R., Fort Worth, Texas

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MIDWEST (H. P. Sass) Heavy rose markings on frilled white; mid-season; short	3 for	.25
MILDRED PRESBY (Farr) S. ivory white; F. pansy purple; perhaps still the finest amoena; midseason; medium height	3 for	.25
MISSOURI (Grinter) Large flowered medium blue of a brilliant "live" tone; the flower segments are broad and the substance heavy; deeply branched; lily-of-the-valley fragrance; midseason; tall; Dykes medal 1937		2.75
MME. CECILE BOUSCANT (Den) Pinkish lavender with a blue flush in the center; long blooming season; needs protection; tall	3 for	.25
MME. CHERI (Sturt) Vigorous pink and violet blend; midseason; tall	3 for	.25
MME. SEROUGE (Cay) Deeply branched reddish purple; very dark and velvety; midseason; tall .....		.25
MOA (Bliss) Arching standards and flaring falls of deep violet purple; midseason; tall .....		.15
MOHRSON (White) Rounded blooms of purple veined and shadowed a deeper purple, with a wide yellow beard; an offspring of William Mohr but reputed to be a better doer; midseason; medium height		1.50
MONSIEUR ARNAL (Den) Pastel buff and lavender pink bicolor; midseason; medium height	3 for	.25
MOONGLO (Wmsn) Soft yellow and violet blend with much heavier substance than any other blend; midseason; medium height		1.75
MOONLIGHT (Dykes) Pale gray white with green and yellow lights; mysterious and fragrant; early; medium height	3 for	.25
MORNING GLORY (Kirk) Intense and velvety red purple; makes a magnificently well balanced stalk; midseason; tall .....		.25
MORNING SPLENDOR (Shull) Dark, glowing claret red; one of the finest varieties at any price; midseason; tall	3 for	.25
MOROCCO ROSE (Loomis) Large, new pink bicolor with a soft yellow flush at the haft; garden effect is rich and bright		10.00
MOTHER OF PEARL (Sturt) Famous pearl colored iris; midseason; tall	3 for	.25
MOUNT ROYAL (Morgan) Very large, blackish purple flower that is sweetly scented; midseason; medium height .....		.25
MUSSOLINI (Dykes) Huge, vivid blue purple; English silver medal winner; midseason; tall		1.75
MRS. ILTUS (Fry) Bright, medium blue that is fine with Quivera; late; medium height	3 for	.25

"I am well pleased with the rhizomes you sent me. They arrived in good condition."

Aug. 5, 1938.

Mrs. N. T. R., Joplin, Mo.

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MRS. VALERIE WEST (Bliss) Bronzy red violet and velvety maroon; large flowers and very floriferous; midseason; medium height	.25
NARANJA (Mit) Distinct orange overcast on a yellow ground; sensational color for a first class iris of good size and substance; A. M. 1937	4.50
NEBRASKA (H. P. Sass) Large flowered deep yellow that lights up a planting of King Tut; late; medium height	.25
NENE (Cay) Vinous red in a nine inch flower; midseason; tall	.35
NINGAL (Ayres) Bronzy buff, the falls underlaid blue and with a blue mid-rib; midseason; tall	.25

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NORMA GAGE (Gage) Small, dainty, and pink and white; free flowering; midseason; short	.25
NOWETA (H. P. Sass) A larger, pinker Midgard; one of the loveliest; midseason; medium height	.35
NUMA ROUMESTAN (Cay) Dark strawberry red; late; tall	.15
NUSKU (Nes) Old rose and yellow blend; midseason; medium height	.15
OCTOBER OPERA (Sass) Rich, wine red fall bloomer; spring bloom early; short	.50
ODAROLOC (And) Light bluish mauve of fine form and habit; midseason; very tall	3 for .25
ODORATISSIMA (Jac) The most fragrant iris; this is the ruffled blue pallida planted in profusion at the Vatican; midseason; tall	3 for .25
OLD GOLD (H. P. Sass) Blend of amber, rose and yellow of which yellow is the prevailing color; midseason; short	3 for .25
OLIVE WHITE (Sass-Toedt) Creamy white with green gold veinings; fall bloom often pale yellow; spring bloom very early; short	3 for .25

"I have thirty-five of your iris which I planted in August, '37, and nearly all of it bloomed this last spring. They were beautiful."
Oct. 29, 1938. Mrs. W. C. W., Harlowton, Mont.

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OMAHA (H. P. Sass) Deep pink or light red; fine with the browner reds; never a free bloomer for me though; midseason; medium height15
OZONE (J. Sass) Gray and bluish violet blend with a pinkish sheen; A. M. 1938; midseason; medium height.....	4.00
PALE MOONLIGHT (Essig) Glistening pale blue of heavy substance; midseason; tall.....	.60
PARC DE NEUILLY (Verd) Vivid purple self; the most satisfactory landscape purple; late; medium height.....3 for	.25
PEACHES (H. P. Sass) Showy blend of peach, yellow and red; a few shades lighter than Clara Noyes; midseason; medium height.....	.15
PERSIA (Ayres) The standards are smoke with bluish shadows; the falls, purple paling at the edges; large flower beautifully poised on deep branches; midseason; tall.....	.25
PHEBUS (Cay) Lemon yellow with bright orange beard; large petals nicely rounded give it distinction among the large flowered, pale yellows; midseason; tall.....	.35
PINK OPAL (J. Sass) The famous 28-12, sister seedling of Pink Satin; not so pink or well branched but larger in size and of better substance than Pink Satin; midseason; tall.....	.25
PINK SATIN (J. Sass) Light pink self of truest color and satiny sheen; the best branching of any pink; early to midseason; tall.....	.25
PIONEER (Bliss) Bright reddish purple; a shy bloomer until established; early; medium height.....3 for	.25
PIUTE (Thomas) Appears to be pure red without any blue or purple in it; midseason; tall.....	8.00
PLUIE D'OR (Cay) Golden yellow with flowers of large size; a two year old planting is a marvel; Dykes medal; midseason; tall.....	.25
POLICHENELLE (Cay) Buff standards with blue shadows; the falls, purple with a reddish glow; comes to its own in cloudy weather; midseason; tall .....	.15
PRAIRIE GOLD (H. P. Sass) Brilliant, almost brassy yellow; glistens like buttercups; midseason; short.....3 for	.25
PRESIDENT PILKINGTON (Cay) Large flowered buff and lavender blend; a larger, taller, darker Dolly Madison; midseason; tall.....	.25
PRIMAVERA (Mohr) Large flowered primrose yellow; very fragrant; very early; medium height.....3 for	.25
PRINCESS BEATRICE (Barr) Silvery lavender blue with the characteristic pucker at the tips of the falls; very fragrant; early; medium height .....	.25

"The iris received from you some years ago have been a joy and a delight, but I want some new kinds, especially some to give more variety of color—like King Tut or Grace Sturtevant. I have too many of the lavender tints, but I wouldn't give a one of them up."
May 6, 1938. Mrs. W. P., Glenville, W. Va.

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QUEEN CATERINA (Sturt) Pale, frosted lavender; water-lily scent; midseason; tall	3 for	.25
QUIVERA (J. Sass) Reddish orange blend with orange sheen; midseason; short .....		.15
RAMESES (H. P. Sass) Standards pinkish buff and falls turmaline pink; rampant grower; Dykes medal; midseason; tall .....		.25
REALM (Baker) Massive light blue self; vigorous and hardy; lovely with Pluie d'Or; midseason; tall .....		.15
RED CROSS (Klein) Bright red rose, the falls striped white; unusual and with great carrying power; midseason; medium height		1.50
RED DOMINION (Ayres) Blackish red self in a beautifully formed flower, the standards somewhat frilly and the falls horizontal; midseason; medium height .....		.25
RED RADIANCE (Grinter) Velvety red self; redder and brighter than Dauntless; well branched with well formed flowers; midseason; medium height .....		.35

MAKE YOUR OWN COLLECTIONS

Any fifteen 3 for 25c varieties (15 plants)	\$1.00
Any ten 15c varieties	1.00
Any six 25c varieties	1.00
Any six 35c varieties	1.50
Any six 50c varieties	2.25
Any three 60c varieties	1.50
Any three 90c varieties	2.25
Any three \$1.25 varieties	3.15

RED WING (H. P. Sass) Tall, dark brownish red, excellent in color and performance; midseason; tall .....	.15
REVERIE (Sturt) Buff red bicolor; midseason; tall	3 for .25
RHEA (Wmsn) Happy blending of russet and rose; deeper in color and hardier than Isoline; midseason; tall	3 for .25
RHEINGAUPERLE (G & K) Light orchid pink with silvery sheen; dainty; midseason; short .....	.15
ROBERT (Ayres) Large flowered soft yellow blend with a bluish flush in the center of the falls; well branched; midseason; tall .....	.90

"I am writing you to tell you how thrilled I am over my Autumn King iris. It sent up a splendid, strong looking stalk with five large buds. They have all bloomed out very gorgeously. I am so happy over it I wanted you to know."

Oct. 24, 1938.

Mrs. W. H. D., Kansas City, Mo.

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ROBERT WALLACE (Per) Very dark royal purple with a satiny sheen; medium in flower and height.....	.15
ROMOLA (Bliss) Harmonious combination of rosy lilac and deep burgandy; the most graceful of the Dominions; late .....	.15
ROSE DOMINION (Con) Rose bicolor with bright gold beard; Dominion form; midseason; medium height.....	.50
ROSE PETAL (Mur) Clear, lustrous, light lavender pink; midseason; tall .....	.25
ROSY WINGS (Gage) Soft but clear, light brownish red; this variety received its H. M. before introduction and the A. M. in 1936, the year introduced; midseason; tall.....	5.00
ROTA (G & K) Ruffled and rosy; one of the rosiest; midseason; short	3 for .25
RUSTY GOLD (And) An orange bronze blend like tarnished gold; midseason; tall .....	.15
SACHEM (Loomis) Velvety red and tan bicolor; vigorous; midseason; tall .....	.25
SACREMENTO (Mit) Reddish purple plicata edge to a crystal white flower; large and tall.....	.25
SAN FRANCISCO (M-M) Huge white with edges pencilled heavily with lavender; Dykes medal; needs protection here; midseason; tall .....	.15
SAN GABRIEL (Dean) Lustrous lavender for the south or west coast; tall; early	3 for .25
SANTA BARBARA (M-M) One of the favorites; light violet blue of large size and heavy substance; midseason; tall.....	.15
SEMINOLE (Farr) Very popular vivid red; the bright orange beard makes it look still redder; midseason; short.....	3 for .25
SENSATION (Cay) Clear cornflower blue of unsurpassed substance and great refinement; late; tall.....	.25
SERENITE (Cay) Lovely, large flower with blended buff and lavender standards and broad, Alice blue falls; midseason; tall.....	.60
SEQUOIAH (Shull) Polished red bronze; darker and stiffer than Copersmith; midseason; tall.....	.25
SHAH JEHAN (Neel) Standards are buff edged lavender; the falls are purple ranging from a coppery brown at the haft through purple to a lavender edge; late; tall.....	.60
SHEKINAH (Sturt) Pale lemon yellow self; a fine harmonizer; midseason; medium height.....	3 for .25

"The iris arrived in good shape. Cute of you to send one of your 'Irmas' to mine. I remember seeing the name in your garden, but can't remember the color and as it isn't listed in the catalog we're all excited about what it is going to be."

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SHINING WATERS (Essig) Clear light blue of waxy texture; well branched; midseason; tall.....	.60
SHIRVAN (Loomis) Brilliant brownish bicolor; the standards are yellow brown and the falls red brown; A. M. 1936; midseason; medium height .....	.35
SIERRA BLUE (Essig) Soft medium blue of waxy finish; Dykes medal; midseason; tall.....	.60
SINGING CANARY (Kin) Bright canary yellow with a few brown feathers in his wings; midseason; tall.....	.35
SIR KNIGHT (Ashley) Enormous dark purple bicolor of sturdy substance and good placement; midseason; tall.....	.90
SIR MICHAEL (Yeld) S. Lavender blue; F. purple suffused red; a showy golden beard lights up this odd and attractive combination; midseason; tall .....	.25
SKITCHWAUG (Chase) Brilliant, dark pink blend that holds its color well at a distance; midseason; medium height.....3 for	.25
SNOWBOUND (Row) Brown markings against sparkling white; early; medium height.....3 for	.25
SNOW KING (H. P. Sass) Pure, unmarred white of faultless form and habit; perfectly hardy, it is as fine in quality as the more tender fine whites from California; A. M. 1937; midseason; tall.....	5.00
SOLFERINO (Cay) Deep lilac rose; often as many as seventeen buds and blooms along the tall stem; early; very tall .....	.15
SOUTHLAND (H. P. Sass) Light yellow fall bloomer of the highest quality; vigorous; spring bloom very early; short .....	.35
SOUV. DE LOETITIA MICHAUD (Mil) Exquisite large flowered light blue; midseason; tall.....	.15
SOUV. DE MME. GAUDICHAU (Mil) Dark violet of fine form; plant in part shade here as it sun fades; early; tall.....3 for	.25
SPRINGMAID (Loomis) Pink and yellow blend of large size and excellent form; midseason; tall.....	.25
ST. CECELIA (Eng) White, with delicate pink markings; early; medium height .....	.25
ST. LOUIS (Weisner) Deep violet of lustrous texture; vigorous and well branched; midseason; tall.....	.60
SUNBEAM (Mur) Rich, golden yellow; very early; short .....	.25
SUSAN BLISS (Bliss) Rose pink of great charm; free blooming and rapid growing; late; tall .....	.25

"I received the iris ordered from Merriam and they came in good condition. Am looking forward to some very lovely blossoms next spring. Thanks for the two extra plants; they were an unexpected pleasure."

July 28, 1938.

Mrs. L. McG., Joplin, Mo.

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SUZANNE AUTISSIER (Den) Large flowered pink blend of Magnifica type; midseason; tall.....	3 for	.25
SWEET ALIBI (White) Warm cream with primrose hafts; giant flower; midseason; tall.....		1.25
TAJ MAHAL (Sturt) White of good form on well branched stalks; never a pure white for me; midseason; medium height.....	3 for	.25
TALISMAN (Mur) Golden apricot blend; a color gem; fine perfume; late; medium height.....		.25
TENEBRAE (Bliss) Very dark maroon purple; midseason; medium height	3 for	.25

How To Grow Irises

These notes are the fruit of trials and errors in the middle west. If your climate and soil differs from mine, you should adjust my suggestions to your conditions.

• SOIL AND SITUATION

A neutral or natural limestone soil is best but a slightly acid soil may be treated with ground limestone. Never use lime unless your soil is definitely acid as lime does more harm than good in neutral soil. Sun or part shade are recommended, with part shade being the choice location in regions in which the sun is very hot during the blooming time.

• PLANTING

Plant with the rhizome well covered with earth; about a half inch pressed down firmly is best. Water well but infrequently if the weather is hot and dry. (I never water new plantings because I haven't the water.) After the roots are well down, keep the hoe shiney and the surface of the soil dusty.

THAIS (Cay) Vigorous and free flowering pinkish lilac; large flowers very pleasing perfume; midseason; tall.....	.15
THE BLACK DOUGLAS (J. Sass) Very rich pansy violet; large flowered and free blooming; midseason; medium height.....	.90

"The iris bought from you were especially good this year."

May 2, 1938.

Mrs. J. R. B., Atlanta, Ga.

"The iris arrived in fine condition and we were greatly pleased with them."

July 12, 1938.

L. R. W., South Portland, Maine.

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THEODOLINDA (Ayres) Gigantic flowered, hardy, blue and white plicata; midseason; tall.....	.50
THURATUS (H. P. Sass) Deepest purple; large flower with very long falls; midseason; tall.....	.15
TOM TIT (Bliss) Small and gay; deep violet self of waxy texture; a perfect companion for La Neige; late; short.....3 for	.25
TRAIL'S END (Wmsn) Bittersweet in effect caused by a blending of buffy yellow and tawny pink; a new color thrill and a fine variety in every way; midseason; tall.....	.50

How To Grow Irises

• FERTILIZERS

Superphosphate and wood ashes are the best inorganic fertilizers for irises. If the soil lacks humus, well rotted manure, peat moss or tobacco stems are helpful.

• LEAF SPOT

Very little is known about leaf spot except that, while it is unsightly, it does little or no injury to the plants. Removing and burning all old foliage helps control it.

• ROOT ROT

Cut out the soft tissue and dust with coppercarbonate.

• BORER

A dust spray of one part Dutox and four parts cheap flour applied spring and fall, and frequent transplantings will eliminate borer and prevent reinfection from your neighbor.

TROOST (Den) Deep rose pink; the falls heavily veined a darker shade; midseason; short.....3 for	.25
TROSTRINGER (H. P. Sass) Loveliest of the pale pinks; midseason; medium height .....	.15

"The iris ordered from you was received in good condition early in July. I was so well pleased with it and appreciate the gratis which you kindly sent me. I was without glasses at the time the iris came to me and the doctor had quite a time to fit my eyes so I could read and write. I make this explanation that you may understand why I failed to acknowledge receipt of the iris and may have seemed ungrateful for the gift of the three lovely plants."

August 1, 1938.

Mrs. A. M., Bellflower, Calif.

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TRUE CHARM (Sturt) White and lavender plicata notable for the neat, well formed flowers; late; tall.....	.15
VALENCIA (Mohr) Orange buff blended self; midseason; medium height	3 for .25
VALOR (Nic) Bluish purple bicolor with very broad falls; fragrant; A. M. 1936; midseason; tall.....	.35
VAN CLEVE (Van Name) S. violet purple; F. rich; dark purple; a faster growing, freer blooming Swazi; late; tall.....	.15
VENUS DI MILO (Ayres) Cream white of splendid substance and fine form; absolutely hardy; runner-up for the 1936 Dykes medal; midseason; medium height.....	.25
VESPER GOLD (Wmsn) Translucent, honey colored self; midseason; tall	3 for .25
VIOLET CROWN (Kirk) Pale violet of waxy texture and firm, rounded shape; midseason; tall.....	.50
WABASH (Wmsn) A new amoena that is a definite improvement over Dorothy Dietz; standards white and falls hyacinth violet with a definite white margin; midseason; tall.....	6.00
WACONDA (H. P. Sass) Rich reddish purple that harmonizes well with other iris colors; a good grower and bloomer; medium height; midseason .....	.15
WAMBLISKA (J. Sass) Large flowered white with a blue flush in the center giving the "iridescent effect of frosted icicles;" early to mid-season; tall .....	.25
WASATCH (Thorup) Largest plicata and perfectly hardy; medium blue markings on a ground of glistening white; huge, broad flowers are well placed on the stem; midseason; tall.....	1.25
WEDGEWOOD (Dykes) Nearly Wedgewood blue with a white beard; wonderful color but frail substance; midseason; medium height....	.15
WILLIAM MOHR (M-M) Gigantic flowered lilac deeply veined purple; a pogocyclus hybrid, the rhizomes are small; the better for winter protection but can get along without it; very early; short....	.25
WINNISHIEK (Egel) Very dark and very blue purple with a pearly edge to the ruffled falls; midseason; tall.....	.25
WINE GLORY (Weed) The color of red wine held to the light; vigorous bloomer, giving a long season; midseason; tall.....	.50
WONDERCHILD (Weed) Huge, deep blue purple flowers; midseason; tall .....	.50
WOTAN (Grinter) Deep, dark purple self with velvety falls of the smoothest finish; heavy substance and very wide, well rounded falls; midseason; medium height.....	.60

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YOLANDE (Mil)	Bright blue in a large flower; midseason; tall	3 for	.25
ZADA (Emig)	Free flowering pure white; midseason height	3 for	.25
ZUNI (Ayres)	Deep red brown washed copper; an amazing color; midseason; tall		.35
ZWANENBERG (Den)	Like something brought in from the woods or a rare orchid; greenish slate standards and pale greenish maroon brown falls; very early; short	3 for	.25

TERMS OF SALE

• GUARANTEE

My plants are guaranteed to be true to name and vigorous and healthy when you receive them. If not satisfactory, return them immediately upon receipt. Your money will be cheerfully refunded. No adjustment can be made on stock not returned at once.

• STOCK

Daily shipments are made of plants freshly dug from my own garden. These plants are acclimated to dry summers and changeable winters and should be vigorous and hardy anywhere.

• SUBSTITUTIONS

No substitutions are made unless requested by the customer. If a variety is sold out your money is refunded immediately. No requested substitutions can be made in collections.

• TERMS

Cash with order or C. O. D. with a 25% deposit. Kansas customers will please add a 2% sales tax. No order accepted less than \$1.00.

• DISCOUNT

A 10% discount will be allowed on all orders, except collections, received and paid for before June 15th.

• SHIPPING DATES

Shipping will begin June 20th and will continue until late autumn.

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